IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend paragraph #0013 as follows:

-- According to an embodiment of the present invention, a system is provided for connecting an application to a database having a database management system in order to perform a transaction. The application can reside on an application server, and the database can reside on a database server. The system includes a software driver for connecting the application to the database, wherein a transaction request is made from said application to the database via the software driver. The system also includes a distributed transaction coordinator unit residing on the database server, with the distributed transaction coordinator being arranged for receiving the ~~database~~ transaction request ~~from the application~~. In addition the system includes a software library residing on the database server, the software library including at least one procedure for carrying out the transaction request. Further, the system includes a software transaction switch residing on the database server, said transaction switch being arranged for routing the transaction request to the distributed transaction coordinator.--

Please amend paragraph #0034 as follows:

-- The internally developed library is called SQLJDBC.DLL, as is shown in FIG. 2 as element 210. The SQLJDBC.DLL library 210 can be a library written in C++, or some other appropriate language, using the Extended Stored Procedure Programming Interface. The SQLJDBC.DLL library 210 contains a set of stored procedures that the JDBC driver 106 will invoke when a JDBC application 102 makes a JTA request. The purpose of this library 110 is to map a given JTA request to its appropriate XA interface counterpart. At installation time the extended stored procedures in this DLL library ~~110~~ 210 are registered with the SQL Server DBMS 108.--